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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Subject: Office of Collection and Dissemination (O/CD)  
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Some days ago I gave to Mr. [REDACTED] the compilation of information on O/CD. This is somewhat of a hodgepodge. [REDACTED] when he was attached temporarily to the Historical Section visited the various sections of O/CD and wrote a story about each one. These were shown in due course to the various branch heads who in some instances were not pleased with them as they did not feel that the ground had been thoroughly covered. They therefore prepared their own versions. In my opinion in several instances these versions were poorly written and repetitive, and in consequence I edited them myself and in several instances rewrote them. 25X1A

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I then asked [REDACTED] Assistant Director, to have a look at the whole thing as in my opinion he has the ability to express himself clearly and also has a charming light touch. I therefore gave the whole story to [REDACTED] to be given to [REDACTED] when the latter had a free moment. [REDACTED] suggested, however, that the various sections be given back to the branch heads for further review which actually was going over ground that already had been covered. [REDACTED] and I had some amicable telephone conversations on the subject and he now advises me that [REDACTED] will shortly look over the whole thing and perhaps rewrite it to suit himself. 25X1A

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There has been some delay because OCD has recently moved from M Building to the skating rink, and things are still somewhat chaotic as regards the orderly conduct of business. However, I believe the matter is definitely in hand and that we will get the papers back in a week's time. I told [REDACTED] that the situation was a delicate one as I did not wish to hurt anyone's feelings, but on the other hand the responsibility for producing a clear readable account rests with me, and I have to use my judgment as to what I deem satisfactory. 25X1A

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